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TOP ELITE DUATHLON FIELD THIS SUNDAY

The elite men's race will be hotly contested at this Sunday's **Newcastle Port Corporation Australian & Oceania Duathlon Championships**. The highly credentialed field includes international Duathletes Rafael Baugh and James Attard who compete in the ITU World Cup Series.

Newcastle's 2005 World Champs inspired Raphael Baugh to take-up the sport seriously. Coming from a strong running background, Raf was attracted to the "fantastic physical contest and competitiveness" of the sport. Over the past 3 years the Perth-based duathlete has cemented his reputation as a world-class competitor able to race with the best.

Raf has nothing but positive feedback about Newcastle's course "it is one of the toughest courses that you'll find anywhere, and I hope to race well this weekend". He enthuses "I look forward to competing against Jimmy (James Attard) as this is one of my last races prior to Rimini". The ITU World Duathlon Championships is in Rimini, Italy next month.

James Attard is the current ITU Asian Duathlon Champion, and the Central Coast's Chris Dmitreiff will also compete over the course in which he has previously excelled.

The Newcastle Port Corporation Australian & Oceania Duathlon Championships races commence at 7.30am and continue throughout the morning. Road closures will be in effect around Nobbys Beach and Newcastle East. For event information please visit www.eliteenergy.com.au.

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